

# SHIP SINKING GIVES LEAGUE ARGUMENT

Covenant Needed to Enforce Treaty Terms, Friends Maintain.

## OPPONENTS SHIFT BASE

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

Scuttling of the German warships and the shift in the German position in connection with the signing of the peace treaty have had a perceptible effect on the controversy over the creation of a league of nations. Those who have imagined the United States could say good-bye to European affairs with the mere signature of a peace treaty are beginning to realize the tremendous responsibilities involved in making Germany keep her word. Enforcement or execution of the peace treaty is a living concern.

### Rally Around Root Plan.

Out of the confusion which has enveloped the status of the covenant in the American Congress several things are very plain today. No longer is it contented by opponents of the league of nations that they can successfully establish a new basis for the league of powers. Extreme and irreconcilable opponents like Senators Johnson of California, republican, and Reed of Missouri, democrat, may fight to the last ditch, but the remainder of the republican opponents seem to be rallying behind the suggestions made by Elihu Root in his recent letter to Senator Lodge.

That letter was framed after conferences between Will Hays, republican national chairman, and the Senate leaders. Mr. Knox himself is said to have had a part in the actual drafting of the letter. It represents republican viewpoint today, or rather, the position which the party leaders are urging their colleagues to assume.

In a nutshell, republicans will tell you privately that, as Mr. Root indicated, the treaty should be and will be ratified. This means the league of nations included. But with respect to the obligations and responsibilities of the United States as a signatory to the peace treaty and covenant, the republicans hope to secure limitations. How successful they will be depends to some extent on the willingness of the other powers to accept the reservations to be made by the American Senate.

Republican senators insist that the United States can prevail upon Great Britain and France to eliminate article 19 of the covenant, which would oblige America to guarantee the boundaries of the present war and the territorial integrity of the powers signatory to the treaty and covenant. The best judges of that will be the European powers themselves.

### May Ask European Powers.

One republican senator told me today that he believed an expression would be forthcoming or officially sought by Senate resolution or otherwise inquiring whether the other powers would object to the elimination of article 19, or, in lieu of that, limitation for a period of five years.

Thus the Senate would at last become a sort of party to the peace ne-

## Will Be Commander of the R-34 on Ocean Flight



MAJ. SCOTT.

This photograph of Maj. Scott, commander of the huge British dirigible R-34, was taken just after he had completed a successful trial flight in preparation for the attempt to fly from England to Minicola, L. I. The start was delayed because of the uncertainty as to whether Germany would sign the peace treaty, but the R-34 is expected to leave soon.

negotiations themselves, though its action would not be inconsistent with precedent, for on many occasions does the executive department of our government transmit to a foreign country the views of the Senate on a completed treaty in an endeavor to bring about ratification.

The Senate, indeed, would want to know what the European powers would accept with respect to article 19 before taking final and decisive action on the ratifying resolution. Conceivably, if the European governments argue that America cannot

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shirk her obligations and that she is in duty bound to help preserve the status quo in Europe, especially against the Germans, the argument over the retention of article 19 will become very acute. If the Senators insisted they might throw the whole treaty and covenant back into the peace conference.

But what is most likely in such a contingency is a simple reservation by the United States Senate that nothing in the peace treaty or covenant shall in any way be construed as amending the Constitution of the United States with respect to the rights of Congress to authorize the use of our military and naval forces. This would mean that Congress would have the right to say whether the United States would contribute naval or military force to guarantee European boundaries or the territorial integrity of nations in other parts of the globe.

Action by the executive branch of the government in suspending commercial relations and imposing an economic boycott on recalcitrant powers might in some cases be sufficient to deter a nation from practicing aggression or menacing the peace of neighboring countries.

In the end, the reservations and limitations upon the peace treaty and covenant will be thrashed out and decided before the ratifying resolution itself comes to a vote.

But that there is to be a league of nations to make Germany keep her

promises and to enforce peace is no longer questioned by opponents of the proposal. The whole controversy today centers about the extent and character of the limitations on America's action and responsibility. For there is to remain indefinitely a league of victors, closely associated, so that the peace which has been obtained after such painful sacrifice will not be lost as soon as demobilization is completed, but kept by potential force.

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## STAINED GLASS ART GROWS.

Former Dublin Trade With Munich Kept at Home.

DUBLIN, June 1 (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Dublin has developed greatly the stained glass art industry and many churches which used to get stained glass from Munich now get it at home. The reputation of Irish glass has been grown and extended beyond the borders of Ireland and windows have been supplied not only to churches in England, but across the Atlantic.

A remarkable window has just been on exhibition in Dublin. It is the memorial which the Duke of Connaught is putting up in Ottawa to the memory of the eight members of his Canadian staff who fell in the war. The window was designed by a young Belfast artist, Miss Geddes.

## MANY BOOTLEGGERS QUIT AS POLICE GROW ACTIVE

Law Officers, However, Anticipating Renewal of the Trade After June 30.

Fully satisfied that the burial of "John Barleycorn" will take place on schedule time, June 30, at midnight, dry adherents and police officials are wondering what will happen in this city after that time. It is believed there has been a decrease in bootleg activities during the past few weeks, partly due to the arrests and taking possession of supplies and partly because many of the bootleggers feared arrest and quit the business.

The superintendent of police is anxious to know just what condition of affairs will exist after June 30, realizing that much depends upon the quantities of liquor bootleggers have stored in this city. He has members of his force on the alert to prevent the bringing in of any more liquor, and it is probable the prohibition detective force will be strengthened before last minute buyers go to Baltimore for supplies.

It is reported that some of the boot-

leggers, having made thousands of dollars, are taking a rest during the period of increased activity on part of the police and will renew the trade later. They have been getting \$7 and \$8 a quart for whisky, and some of them. It is reported, expect to sell it at \$15 a quart during the Christmas holidays, having determined to keep what they have on hand until that time.

Clyde Ambrose, one of the four occupants of an automobile stopped at Wisconsin avenue and the District line yesterday morning because it was suspected there was liquor in the car, visited Maj. Pullman, superintendent of police, later in the day and made complaint of the incident. He explained his reason for refusing to give his name to Policeman Eby on the road was because of the policeman's manner of addressing him.

Chauffeur Wolfe and his three passengers knew they were violating no law, Ambrose said, and had nothing to fear. His complaint was not put in writing, Maj. Pullman stated, and he was unable to say if any action will be taken in the matter. Eby, he said, always has been an efficient policeman, and he was surprised at his arrest of the occupants of the automobile under the circumstances.

## Czechs Refuse Offer of Austrians.

BERLIN, June 1 (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Gen. Boehme-Ermold, Aufsenberg, Rehm, and Bantari, four well known generals of the former Austro-Hungarian armies, have offered their services to the Czech-Slovak government. The offer has been refused.

## MINIMUM WOMAN WAGE.

Porto Rican House Approves the Schedule for Workers.

SAN JUAN, June 10 (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—The project providing a minimum wage for women and girls employed in Porto Rico was approved in the lower house this week, after many stormy sessions. The bill provides that women under eighteen years of age shall be paid not less than \$4 a week, and women over eighteen years, \$6 a week. The first three weeks of apprenticeship are exempt from this requirement.

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